

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

The listing of the claims found below replaces all prior versions and similar listings of claims in the above-titled patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An email client, comprising:

generation means for permitting a sender to generate an email message to be sent to a specified recipient via a messaging system;

confirmation means for confirming that said email message is to be sent to said specified recipient by presenting to said sender a confirmation notice, said confirmation notice requesting said sender to confirm that said specified recipient is an intended recipient of said email message, wherein said confirmation means includes a picture presentation facility, said picture presentation facility configured to present to said sender a picture of said specified recipient; and

sending means for causing said email message to be sent to said specified recipient via said messaging system after said sender operates said confirmation means and confirms that said specified recipient is said intended recipient.
2. (Original): The email client according to claim 1, wherein said confirmation means further includes an audio stream presentation facility, said audio stream presentation facility configured to present to said sender an audio stream corresponding to said specified recipient.

3. (Original): The email client according to claim 2, wherein said audio stream presentation facility is further configured to voice said audio stream and to play an audio sequence that identifies said specified recipient.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Original): The email client according to claim 1, wherein said confirmation means further includes a multi-media presentation facility, said multi-media presentation facility configured to present to said sender a multi media presentation corresponding to said specified recipient.

6. (Original): The email client according to claim 5, wherein said multi-media presentation includes audio and video sequences identifying said specified recipient.

7. (Original): The email client according to claim 1, wherein said generation means permits said email message to be formatted according to a pre-defined messaging standard.

8. (Original): The email client according to claim 7, wherein said pre-defined messaging standard permits said email message to be transported via the Internet.

9. (Currently Amended): An email client, comprising:

a email generator configured to permit a sender to generate an email message to be sent to a specified recipient via a messaging system;

a confirmation facility configured to confirm that said email message is to be sent to said specified recipient by presenting to said sender a confirmation notice, said confirmation notice requesting said sender to confirm that said specified recipient is an intended recipient of said email message, wherein said confirmation facility includes a picture presentation facility, said picture presentation facility configured to present to said sender a picture of said specified recipient; and

a sending facility configured to cause said email message to be sent to said specified recipient via said messaging system after said sender confirms that said specified recipient is said intended recipient.

10. (Original): The email client according to claim 9, wherein said confirmation facility includes an audio stream presentation facility, said audio stream presentation facility configured to present to said sender an audio stream corresponding to said specified recipient.

11. (Original): The email client according to claim 10, wherein said audio stream presentation facility is further configured to voice said audio stream and to play an audio sequence that identifies said specified recipient.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Original): The email client according to claim 9, wherein said confirmation means further includes a multi-media presentation facility, said multi-media presentation facility configured to present to said sender a multi-media presentation corresponding to said specified recipient.

14. (Original): The email client according to claim 13, wherein said multi-media presentation includes audio and video sequences identifying said specified recipient.

15. (Currently Amended): A method for sending email to intended recipients, comprising the steps of:

 permitting a sender to generate an email message to be sent to a specified recipient via a messaging system;

 confirming that said email message is to be sent to said specified recipient by presenting to said sender a confirmation notice, said confirmation notice requesting said sender to confirm that said specified recipient is an intended recipient of said email message, wherein said confirmation notice includes a picture of said specified recipient;
and

 causing said email message to be sent to said specified recipient via said messaging system after said sender confirms that specified recipient is said intended recipient during confirming step.

16. (Original): The method according to claim 15, wherein said confirmation notice includes an audio stream presentation corresponding to said specified recipient.

17. (Original): The method according to claim 16, wherein said audio stream includes content configured to be voiced.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Original): The method according to claim 15, wherein said confirmation notice includes a multi-media presentation corresponding to said specified recipient.

20. (Original): The email client according to claim 19, wherein said multimedia presentation includes audio and video sequences identifying said specified recipient.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION:

The Applicant is canceling original dependent claims 4, 12, and 18, without prejudice to the subject matter claimed thereby. The Applicant also is amending independent claims 1, 9, and 18 to incorporate the limitations of original claims 4, 12, and 18, respectively. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-17, 19, and 20 currently are pending and are subject to examination in the above-titled patent application. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-titled patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.